Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has played a vital role in the enactment of tougher anti-drunk driving laws resulting in a drop in alcohol related traffic deaths; and,

Whereas, Alcohol-impaired driving remains one of the nation's most frequently committed crimes, and there remains a critical need for continued education, increased enforcement, and tougher laws and penalties for offenders; and,

Whereas, In 2015, there were 48 deaths in South Dakota due to impaired drivers; and,

Whereas, This year, 2016, marks the 10th anniversary of MADD's campaign to eliminate drunk driving. I take this opportunity to acknowledge their commitment to continue efforts to eliminate drunk driving by the use of education, legislation, law enforcement, and their grass roots activism; and,

Whereas, Business, government, law enforcement, service organizations, youth, senior citizens, military, sports teams, and individuals will demonstrate their commitment to safe, sober driving by tying a MADD red ribbon to a visible location on their vehicles this holiday season:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 2016 as

IMPAIRED DRIVING AWARENESS MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-first Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State